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FOR THE YEAR 1956

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and the
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
(to 31st January, 1957)

P.G. CANNON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
(from 1st February, 1957)

H.E. NUTTEN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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H. SHEPHERD, M.R.S.I.

July, 1957.

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RURAL DISTRICT OF WAINFORD

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FOR 1956

To: The Chairman and Members of Wainford Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1956 during which year, Dr. P.G. Cannon was your Medical Officer of Health.

I became your Medical Officer of Health in February 1957, and am responsible for the 1956 Annual Report.

There is an increase in the general population of 30 from last year.

The birth rate has increased slightly.

The still birth rate is low.

The death rate is low.

The maternal mortality rate is NIL.

The information in this Report on food premises, shops, factories and housing is compiled by your Public Health Inspector, to whom I am indebted.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

H. E. NUTTEN

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area	44,871 acres
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1956)	6,740
Number of inhabited houses	2,128
Rateable value	34,665
Product of penny rate	£134 19s.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births	65	51	116
(Illegitimate)	(2)	(3)	(5)

Illegitimacy rate (Wainford) per 1,000 live births	= 43.1	
Illegitimacy rate (England and Wales)	= 46.0	
Birth rate (Wainford)	= 17.2	per 1,000 population }
Adjusted birth rate (Wainford)	= 19.0	"
Birth rate (England and Wales)	= 15.7	"
Comparability Factor	= 1.11	"

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Still Births	1	1	1
(Illegitimate)	-	-	-

Still birth rate per 1,000 total births = 8.5
(live and still)

Still birth rate (England & Wales) per 1,000 = 23.0
live and still births

Maternal Mortality

Maternal mortality = NIL

Maternal mortality rate (Wainford) = NIL

Maternal mortality rate (England and Wales) = 0.56
per 1,000 total births

Infant Mortality

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	-	1	1
(Illegitimate)	-	-	-

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births = 8.6

Infant mortality rate (England and Wales) per = 23.8
1,000 live births

Causes of Infant Deaths

This occurred in a baby girl aged 3 days and was due to Kernicterus and Haemolytic anaemia.

Deaths - all ages

Male	Female	Total
29	25	54

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population = 8.0

Adjusted death rate = 7.3

Death rate (England and Wales) = 11.7

Comparability factor = 0.91

Adjusted Birth and Death Rates: Comparability Factor

Local birth rates are expressed in terms of population. These populations are estimated by the Registrar General and comprise persons of all ages, including those who have no influence on the birth rate.

These latter do, however, affect the birth rate in that a high proportion of them in a population tends to lower, and a small proportion tends to raise, the true rate.

The size of this proportion will vary in different areas and, therefore, the elimination or standardisation of such a factor will give a true comparison between areas.

The Registrar General issues a Comparability Factor on these lines. Multiplication of the Crude Birth Rate of an area by the Comparability Factor gives the adjusted birth rate and can be compared with the adjusted rate of any other area or with the crude rate for England and Wales.

The Comparability Factor for deaths is obtained in a similar way to the above.

The area Comparability factors contain adjustments for boundary changes where applicable.

The Factors for certain areas, where rapid increase or reduction in the population materially affects its' composition by sex and age group, are also adjusted on that account.

The death rate area Comparability Factors, are this year for the first time, adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area.

Causes of Death	Male	Female	Total
Syphilitic disease	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	1	7
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	4	9
Coronary disease, angina	3	2	5
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1
Other heart disease	2	8	10
Other circulatory disease	1	2	3
Pneumonia	2	-	2
Bronchitis	3	-	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2	3
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
	29	25	54

Notes on Causes of Death

Motor Vehicle Accident - This occurred on the A.1116 Beccles-Bungay road near Shipmeadow. The cause of death was the destruction of the vital centre of the brain due to severe head injuries caused by a collision with an omnibus.

Road Accidents - In Great Britain an average of fifteen people die every day as the result of road traffic accidents and seven hundred and fifty are injured.

For 1956 the Ministry of Transport figures for road accidents are as follows:

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Injured</u>
Pedestrians	2,270	61,689
Pedal Cyclists	650	49,169
Motor Cyclists	1,250	63,883
Occupants of other motor vehicles	1,197	93,130
Horse riders	-	89

Totals	5,367	267,960

Road fatalities in 1956 expressed as a percentage were:

Pedestrians	42%
Motor cyclists and their passengers	22%
Motor vehicle drivers and car occupants	22%
Pedal cyclists	12%

The deaths from Cancer of the Lungs and Bronchus for the years 1952 - 1956 are as follows:

Year	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000 population
1952	2	-	2	0.28
1953	2	-	2	0.28
1954	4	-	4	0.58
1955	-	-	-	-
1956	2	-	2	0.29
	10	-	10	0.29

Table showing the more important causes of death, numbers and percentages.

Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Percentage
Diseases of circulatory system	19	35.19
Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	16.67
Malignant diseases	10	18.52
Pneumonia	2	3.70
Bronchitis	3	5.55
All other causes	11	20.37
	54	100.00

70% of all deaths fall under three headings - diseases of the circulatory system, vascular lesions of the nervous system and malignant diseases.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS:

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Population	7,058	7,110	6,940	7,025	6,830	6,710	6,740
Number of inhabited houses	2,029	2,058	2,151	2,201	2,174	2,128	2,128
Number of live births	128	133	124	129	128	87	116
Birth rate (crude)	18.3	17.3	17.9	16.9	18.8	13.0	17.2
Number of still births	3	4	3	3	2	2	1
Maternal mortality	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Infant mortality rate	39.0	22.5	24.2	23.2	46.9	23.0	8.6
(Number of deaths)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(6)	(2)	(1)
Number of deaths (all ages)	76	76	92	73	93	68	54
Death rate (crude)	10.8	10.7	13.3	10.4	13.6	10.1	8.0

TUBERCULOSIS:

	Males		Females		Total
	Pulm.	Non-pulm.	Pulm.	Non-pulm.	
Number of cases on register at 31.12.55	8	5	2	6	21
Number of cases added to the Register during the year	1	-	2	1	4
Number of cases removed from the register during the year	-	1	-	-	1
Number of cases on the register at 31.12.56	9	4	4	7	24

Cases added to the Register		Cases removed from the Register	
New notifications	2	Recovered	1
Inward transfers	2	Removed to other areas	0
		Died	0
Total	4	Total	1

Cases on the Register, according to age & sex, at 31st December, 1956.

Age Groups	Male	Female	Total
Under 5 years	1	-	1
5 - 14 "	3	4	7
15 - 24 "	11	2	3
25 - 44 "	8	4	12
45 - 64 "	-	1	1
65 or over "	-	-	-
	13	11	24

Comparative figures of tuberculosis at 31st December, 1956.

District	Population	Number of Cases			Cases per 1,000 Population
		Pulm.	Non-pulm.	Total	
Beccles M.B.	7,060	23	6	29	4.1
Blyth R.D.	19,210	49	14	63	3.3
Bungay U.D.	3,560	25	6	31	8.7
Halesworth U.D.	2,310	17	5	22	9.5
Leiston-Cum-Sizewell U.D.)	4,130	23	2	25	6.1
Wainford R.D.	6,740	13	11	24	3.6

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES:

Numbers of all confirmed cases of infectious and other notifiable diseases notified during the year 1956 according to sex and age.

AGE	Acute Pneumonia			Meninco-coccal Meningitis			Infectious Hepatitis			Scarlet Fever			Whooping Cough			Puerperal Pyrexia		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 years	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	2	1	3	-	-	-
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
45 - 64 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all ages	1	1	2	1	-	1	2	1	3	2	2	4	2	2	4	-	1	1

A total of 15 cases were notified during the year. No cases of poliomyelitis, dysentery, food poisoning or diphtheria were notified.

Puerperal Pyrexia - Definition. This is any febrile condition occurring in a woman in whom a temperature of 100.4°F. (38°C.) or more has occurred within 14 days after childbirth or miscarriage.

In the above case the cause of the rise of temperature was unknown.

Infectious Hepatitis - This disease is commonly called "Jaundice". It is infectious, due to a virus and is difficult to prevent. The illness is usually mild. The disease is notifiable in East Anglia to give some idea of the actual incidence of the disease.

Diseases notified during the year classified according to month of occurrence

Month	Acute Pneumonia	Meninco-coccal Meningitis	Infectious Hepatitis	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Puerperal Pryexia
January	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	1	1	-	3	-	-
March	-	-	1	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	2	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	1	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	1	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	1	-
October	1	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	1	1	1
December	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	1	3	4	4	1

DIPHTHERIAL IMMUNISATION:

The following are the figures for Wainford Rural District.

During 1956, 71 primary immunisations were carried out by the General Practitioners. The ages of the children immunised are as follows:-

Year of Birth	Numbers Immunised
1956	20
1955	35
1954	5
1953	2
1952	2
1951	2
1950	-
1949	-
1948	2
1947	-
1946	-
1945	2
1944	-
1943	1
Total	71

During the same year, 66 booster doses were given. During 1955, 87 primary immunisations were carried out. During 1954, 102 primary immunisations were carried out.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION:

The Bulist vaccine, which was made available in 1956, was administered to children born in the years 1947 to 1954 whose parents registered their wish for vaccination.

Enough vaccine was not available for all the children registered and it was made available to children born in certain designated months.

In Wainford Rural District, in 1956, 2 children received the complete course of poliomyelitis vaccine.

HOUSING:

- (a) Total No. of houses inspected during the year for all purposes 777
- (b) Total No. of houses found to be unsatisfactory 378
- (c) Nature of defects found to exist = Excessive dampness, structural defects, lack of proper drainage, unsatisfactory water supply.
- (d) Housing repairs:-
- (i) Informal
- No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served 132
- No. of dwelling houses rendered fit as a result of informal action 69
- (ii) Formal - Public Health Acts
- No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served NIL
- No. of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices:
- (a) By owners NIL
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners NIL

(iii) Formal - Housing Acts

No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served 2

No. of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners 2

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners NIL

(c) Individual Houses

No. of dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 16

No. of dwellings demolished as a result of Demolition Orders NIL

No. of dwellings in respect of which or part of which Closing Orders were made (Section 12 Housing Act, 1936) 2

No. closed under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1953) NIL

No. of houses still occupied for human habitation in respect of which demolition or clearance orders have been made 34 (Est.)

(f) Provision of new Housing Accommodation

	By Local Authority		By Private Enterprise	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
1. No. of houses in respect of which tenders were approved by the Ministry during 1956	NIL	NIL		
2. No. of houses completed during the year	NIL	NIL	9	NIL
3. No. of houses in course of construction on 31/12/56	NIL	NIL	12	NIL
4. Total No. of houses owned by Council on 31/12/56	377	20 occ. Huts		

(g) Housing Act, 1949. Part II

	By Local Authority	By Private Enterprise
(i) <u>Improvements</u>		
Number of dwellings in respect of which applications for grant were		
(a) made during 1956	NIL	21
(b) approved by Council during 1956	NIL	14
(ii) <u>Provision of dwellings by conversion</u>		
Number of dwellings in respect of which applications for grant were		
(a) made during 1956	NIL	2
(b) approved by Council during 1956	NIL	2

(h) Housing Act, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding

Number of dwelling houses known to be overcrowded at the end of 1955	NIL
Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	NIL
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	NIL
Number of cases of overcrowding known to exist at the end of 1956	NIL

(i) Rent Increase

No. of applications received for Certificates of Disrepair (Section 26 - Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)	2
No. of Certificates issued	1

(j) Guarantees for House Purchase

No. of applications received for Guarantees (Section 5 - Housing Act, 1949)	NIL
No. of Guarantees issued	NIL

(k) Postponed Demolition etc.

(Sections 2 - 5 Housing Repairs & Rents Act, 1954).

No. of houses acquired by Local Authority (Section 3)	NIL
No. of houses retained (Section 4)	NIL
No. of houses where demolition is postponed (Section 2)	NIL
No. of houses where demolition is postponed (Section 5)	1

FOOD PREMISES:

(a) The number of food premises in the area and type of business (approx.):-

Grocery and General	27
Butchers	1
Ice Cream only	5
TOTAL	33

(b) No. of premises inspected

33

(c) No. found to be unsatisfactory

NIL

(d) No. rendered satisfactory:

(1) Informally	NIL
(2) Formally	NIL

(e) No. of premises registered under Section 14, Food & Drugs Act, 1938:

(1) Ice Cream - Manufacture	NIL
Storage or Sale only	5
(2) Sausages, preserved food, etc.	1

(f) No. of Ice Cream samples taken for bacteriological examination ...

NIL

No. of samples found to be unsatisfactory	NIL
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Refuse Collection and Disposal by Contractor

Frequency of collection Fortnightly - 30 Parishes
(front verge collection)
Weekly - 3 Parishes
(back door collection)

Method of disposal Refuse Tip

SHOPS ACT, 1950 (Section 38):

No. of shops inspected 7
Contravention found NIL
Contravention remedied NIL

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948:

Factories without Mechanical Power NIL
Factories with Mechanical Power 4
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local
Authority 6
TOTAL 10

No. of Factories and Workshops inspected 10
Cases in which defects were found 5
Referred by H.M. Inspector NIL
No. of cases in which defects were remedied 5
No. of written notices NIL
No. of Outworkers NIL

